#### 104TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1136

To amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 1995

Mr. Gilman (for himself, Mr. Filner, Mr. Evans, Mr. Torricelli, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Cunningham, Mrs. Mink of Hawaii, Mr. Lantos, Ms. Pelosi, Mr. Yates, Mr. Frost, Mr. Mineta, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Stark, Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Bilbray, and Mr. Serrano) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. 2 This Act may be cited as the "Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 1995". SEC. 2. CERTAIN SERVICE IN THE ORGANIZED MILITARY 5 FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHIL-6 IPPINE SCOUTS DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE 7 SERVICE. 8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of title 38. United States Code, is amended— (1) in subsection (a)— 10 (A) by striking out "not" after "Army of 11 12 the United States, shall"; and (B) by striking out ", except benefits 13 14

- under—" and all that follows and inserting in lieu thereof a period; and
  (2) in subsection (b)—
- 17 (A) by striking out "not" after "Armed 18 Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 19 shall"; and
- 20 (B) by striking out "except—" and all that 21 follows and inserting in lieu thereof a period.
- 22 (b) Conforming Amendments.—(1) The heading 23 of such section is amended to read as follows:

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1	"§ 107. Certain service deemed to be active service:
2	service in organized military forces of the
3	Philippines and in the Philippine
4	Scouts".
5	(2) The item relating to such section in the table of
6	sections at the beginning of chapter 1 of such title is
7	amended to read as follows:
	"107. Certain service deemed to be active service: service in organized military forces of the Philippines and in the Philippine Scouts.".
8	SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.
9	(a) In General.—The amendments made by this
10	Act shall take effect on
11	(b) APPLICABILITY.—No benefits shall accrue to any
12	person for any period before the effective date of this Act
13	by reason of the amendments made by this Act.